

**FINAL REPORT**

**The 61st**

**Wyoming Legislature**



# **WYOMING HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION**

MARCH 2012





## MEMO FROM THE PRESIDENT

Members of the Wyoming Hospital Association:

Although federal healthcare reform hummed in the background during the 2012 Budget Session of the Wyoming Legislature, it was the impact of past federal policies that dominated the healthcare discussion.

When Congress passed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, the goal was to jumpstart a national recovery from a deepening recession. And, in the process, Congress hoped to help protect states from some of the most potentially damaging results of that recession. Among those results was the likelihood—and cost—of spiraling Medicaid rolls as unemployment increased and unemployed workers enrolled in the program.

The ARRA offered a temporary solution to that problem, by providing Wyoming with millions of dollars to shore up its Medicaid program until the nation’s economy recovered. The enhanced federal funding, however, has run out, and that left the Department of Health with a \$37.7 million hole in its Medicaid budget. Restoring that funding was nearly every health association’s top priority during the session.

Legislators, the Governor’s office, and Department of Health officials ultimately did work out a deal that kept the Medicaid program whole for the first year of the biennium. At the same time, the Legislature demanded 4% cuts in the second year—a total of about \$22 million that will be trimmed from the Department’s budget.

Meanwhile, the Legislature ended Healthy Frontiers—a state-based health reform program, but it extended a program that has been beneficial to the state’s critical access hospitals.

In the following pages, you will find a summary of the Legislature’s work on healthcare-related issues of interest to Wyoming’s hospitals. Additionally, it includes a description of the topics that key committees will consider during the interim in preparation for the 2013 General Session. We hope you find it to be an informative, valuable tool.

Finally, we want to thank you for your engagement and support of our legislative efforts. Your voice is the most important element of our success in working with the Legislature.

Respectfully,

Dan Perdue  
President  
Wyoming Hospital Association



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## LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY—INTRODUCTION

Legislators gathered in Cheyenne for the Budget Session of the 61st Legislature with one primary goal in mind—passing a biennial state budget that held spending flat, while continuing to fund essential state services. Indeed, legislative leaders kicked off the session by asking that legislators bring few, if any, amendments to the budget recommended by the Joint Appropriations Committee. Several amendments were introduced, but the Legislature nevertheless passed a relatively conservative \$3.2 billion biennial budget that protected current Medicaid spending for one year, even as it requires 4 percent cuts from the Department of Health in the second year of the biennium.



## MEDICAID REFORM

With state revenues flattening, and potentially declining, but Medicaid costs continuing to grow, legislators took steps to try to control those costs. Additionally, legislators tried to look ahead toward the potential implementation of the Affordable Care Act, when some 30,000 new Medicaid enrollees are expected to join the program. The Legislature's efforts to rein in Medicaid came in three major forms.

### RESTORATION OF MEDICAID FUNDING

Enhanced federal Medicaid dollars from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act ran out prior to the 2012 Budget Session, leaving a shortfall of some \$37.7 million in the state Medicaid budget. Legislators initially asked the Department of Health to find those dollars from within its own budget. Ultimately, however, following a concerted lobbying effort by the WHA and other health associations, lawmakers forged a deal that restored the \$37.7 million and maintained existing funding levels for the first year of the biennium.

At the same time, legislators required the Department of Health trim 4 percent from its budget in the second year of the biennium, a cut that is estimated at about \$22 million. The Department must present its budget cutting plans during interim meetings of the Joint Labor, Health, and Social Services Committee and the Joint Appropriations Committee.

### MEDICAID OPTIONS STUDY

Legislators originally authorized a study of the state Medicaid program during its 2011 General Session. That legislation created an oversight committee to study the cost of redesigning the current Medicaid program, as well as costs mandated by federal healthcare reform. The law specifically requires the study of certain alternatives, including innovative delivery systems, limitations of benefits, cost-sharing, alternative financing, private insurance, managed care, and Medicaid waiver programs. Although there is little support for opting out of the federal Medicaid program, the bill nevertheless specifies that the study should be used to help decide whether to continue the state program under federal reforms, as well as to help prepare cost estimates for reconfiguring the program.

The Department of Health received an extension in 2012 to complete the study in three phases: identification of cost drivers, development of reform options, and submission of recommendations.

### MEDICAID COST STUDY

Also passed in 2011, the Medicaid Cost Study requires a review of the cost of expanding Medicaid eligibility as mandated by federal healthcare reform. The study will consider cost-sharing scenarios, as well as the effect on costs of changing utilization rates, the effect of cost controls, the impact of people who intentionally reduce their income to become Medicaid eligible, and the effect of benefit changes for those who are currently eligible, among others. The study is to be completed by September 2012 and reported to the Joint Labor, Health, and Social Services Committee before the 2013 General Session.

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## MEDICAID REFORM

### MEDICAID FRAUD RECOVERY BILL FAILS

For the second consecutive year, a measure intended to reduce Medicaid fraud failed to survive the Legislature. As in 2011, the bill would have created the Medicaid False Claims Act, and it would have authorized recoveries of defrauded dollars through the civil process. The bill was generally considered to be a better version of the 2011 measure, but like that year's version, it passed the Senate, but failed to receive consideration in the House of Representatives.

## HEALTHCARE MANAGEMENT ISSUES

Although Medicaid funding and reform were the most pressing healthcare issues for lawmakers during the Budget Session, a number of other issues surfaced that could impact the way Wyoming's hospitals operate. And among the most important of those measures, most had been introduced in previous legislative sessions.

### OPEN MEETINGS AND PUBLIC RECORDS BILLS PASS

The Legislature considered versions of both of these bills during the 2011 General Session, and both bills died during that session. During the interim, however, the Wyoming Press Association worked together with the Wyoming County Commissioners Association, the Wyoming Hospital Association, and others, to draft revised bills that they hoped would improve transparency in the governance of public entities, and that would be palatable to all of the affected constituency groups. At times during those interim debates, it appeared that the discussions might break down. It appeared so, too, during the legislative session.

In the end, however, Senate File 27, the Public Meetings bill, passed the Legislature. The new law amends the definition of "meeting" to mean at least a quorum of the governing body of an agency called for the purpose of discussion or taking action regarding public business. Further, the bill defines public meetings to mean any means of communication, whether electronic or in person, or any other method that members could use to communicate contemporaneously. Finally, the law prohibits "sequential communication" or any other method, such as email, that prevents the public from hearing, reading or understanding a meeting discussion contemporaneously—and it includes a civil penalty for violating the law.

At the same time, the Legislature passed Senate File 25, a measure that tightened up the definition of public records, and that enhanced the rules for how custodians of public records must respond to requests. For example, the law requires public records to be available for inspection during any public entity's business hours. Additionally, a public entity must notify a requestor within seven business days if public records are not available for inspection, unless there is sufficient cause that prevents the records from being available within seven days. Like the open meetings law, the bill also included a civil penalty for violating the law.

#### SF27—Key Features

- ◇ Amended the definition of "meeting" to include a quorum
- ◇ Defines public meetings to include any form of communication, either electronic or in person
- ◇ Prohibits any form of communication that prevents the public from hearing, reading, or understanding meeting discussions contemporaneously
- ◇ Includes a civil penalty for violating the law

### HEALTHY FRONTIERS PROGRAM DIES

A state-based healthcare reform project that was first approved in 2010 died during the 2012 Budget Session. The Healthy Frontiers program was designed to provide preventive healthcare, health savings accounts, and health insurance to a limited number of low-income, working families in Wyoming.

The 2011 Legislature extended the program through June 2012, but the program died when legislators cut \$1 million from the budget that would have enabled the program to continue to grow for another year. Conservative legislators opposed the program because, they argued, it represented additional governmental involvement in healthcare.

# HEALTHCARE MANAGEMENT ISSUES

## CRITICAL ACCESS ENDOWMENT CHALLENGE EXTENDED

In 2007, the Legislature created the Critical Access/Rural Hospital Endowment Challenge Program, which provided matching grants to Wyoming’s small rural hospitals. The original program included \$4 million in matching funds and was scheduled to sunset on June 30, 2012. At that time, any unobligated funds in the account would have reverted to the state’s General Fund.

During the Budget Session, Rep. David Bonner, R-Powell, introduced House Bill 113 to extend the endowment challenge program for two more years, to June 20, 2014. HB113 also allowed hospitals that had not yet received \$250,000 from the program to qualify for matching funds of up to \$250,000. Additionally, the bill reserved \$1.5 million of the originally appropriated \$4 million for the extension of the program. The rest of that original appropriation will still revert to the General Fund on June 30, 2012, per the design of the original 2007 bill. Rep. Bonner’s bill passed, ensuring the availability of these important matching funds for two more years.



## HEALTH INSURANCE EXCHANGE BILL PASSES

Thought it was less pronounced in 2012 than in previous sessions, the Affordable Care Act continued to cast a shadow over the Wyoming Legislature’s deliberations during the Budget Session. Most notably, legislators continued nearly two years of study and work on a potential Health Insurance Exchange when they passed Senate File 58. And while that bill continues the work of a steering committee legislators had previously created, it included a number of caveats that required the committee to act cautiously in anticipation of an expected June Supreme Court decision on the constitutionality of the federal health reform law.

The bill directs the Labor, Health, and Social Services Committee to develop plans that comply with the Affordable Care Act if, in fact, the Committee decides to recommend the creation of a state-based exchange. Under the ACA, states can decide to create their own exchanges, develop a state/federal exchange, or rely solely on a federal exchange solution. However, SF58 prohibited any state agency from committing the state of Wyoming to the implementation of an exchange before April 1, 2013. In addition, the bill prohibited the state from applying for a federal grant to set up an exchange until after the Supreme Court has ruled on the multi-state case challenging the ACA.

**SF58—Key Features**

- ◇ *Directs the steering committee to develop plans for Health Insurance Exchange that comply with the ACA*
- ◇ *Prohibits any agency from committing the state to the creation of an exchange before April 1, 2013*
- ◇ *Prohibits the state from applying for a federal grant to set up an exchange until after the Supreme Court has ruled on the ACA*
- ◇ *Requires a steering committee report by October 1, 2013*

About \$220,000 in federal funds are still available to Wyoming for the creation of an exchange. However, the steering committee decided in March not to file for an extension of those federal funds. If the Supreme Court upholds the ACA, Wyoming can apply for those funds later this year. If the law is upheld, the steering committee will be required to provide a report of its plans to the Joint Labor, Health, and Social Services Committee by October 1.

## OTHER HEALTHCARE-RELATED LEGISLATION

In addition to these major pieces of healthcare legislation, the Legislature considered a number of other measures that affect healthcare in Wyoming. Such measures included:

- ◇ A bill intended to simplify the process of providing orders for life-sustaining treatment passed its introductory vote, but was withdrawn by sponsor Keith Gingery, R-Jackson, following an effort by constituents to kill the bill.
- ◇ A mental health parity bill that would have mandated insurance coverage for certain mental illnesses under health insurance policies issued by the state failed to receive the two-thirds vote necessary for introduction.
- ◇ A bill passed that clarified the terms of county memorial hospital trustees after an initial board is in place. Senate File 6 set the length of trustees’ terms—after the initial staggered terms are served—at five years.



## NURSE FOR A DAY PROGRAM

### THANKS TO OUR NURSE FOR A DAY VOLUNTEERS

The Legislative Session occurs at the height of cold and flu season, and legislators, staffers, and visitors are therefore quite thankful for the WHA’s Nurse for a Day Program. Since 1980, volunteer nurses have provided high-quality nursing care in the Capitol building. The WHA is proud that our nurses are introduced on the floor of the Senate and House each day, and we appreciate the contribution of their time and skills during the session.

We would like to thank the nurses and their employers for their participation in the program:

**Jeanne Wernsmann** – Wyoming Medical Center

**Cheryl Schnepf**—Wyoming Medical Center

**Kim Johnson**—Cheyenne Regional Medical Center

**Laurie Clark**—Cheyenne Regional Medical Center

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**Rhiannon Sturlaugson**—Castle Rock Hospital District

The WHA appreciates the contribution of time and skills that our Nurse For A Day volunteers make during the Legislative Session.

### GRASSROOTS ADVOCACY

A hospital CEO’s voice is critical to the success of any of WHA’s lobbying efforts, and we truly appreciate your time and effort in reaching out to legislators during the session to help them understand the impact of the bills they were debating.

Thank you for your engagement. Our successes simply would not have happened without it.

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## INTERIM COMMITTEE TOPICS

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Near the end of each Legislative session, each committee meets to determine its priorities for study during the interim period. The Joint Health, Labor, and Social Services Committee typically deals with issues of interest to the WHA, though others, including the Joint Appropriations Committee and the Joint Judiciary Committee, are expected to consider healthcare-related topics.

Following are the prioritized topics that the Joint Labor, Health, and Social Service Committee expects to study:

### **PRIORITY 1—MEDICAID REVIEW**

Medicaid is a primary cost driver in the state's budget. The Committee will monitor and review all aspects of the program, including program growth projections, eligibility and benefit changes if the Affordable Care Act is upheld, cost saving opportunities, waiver program waiting lists and possible innovative waiver programs involving such things as co-pays and medical case management.

### **PRIORITY 2—HEALTH INSURANCE EXCHANGES**

The Committee will monitor the Health Insurance Exchange Steering Committee and respond as needed. As part of the study, the Committee will explore the sale of health insurance policies across state lines as part of or independent of a health insurance exchange.

### **PRIORITY 3—RESPONSE TO FEDERAL INITIATIVES AND AGENCY REPORTS**

The Committee's jurisdiction includes areas that require state response to federal legislative or regulatory initiatives, as well as areas that require state executive branch reports. The Committee will monitor and respond as needed to federal initiatives and state agency reports.

### **PRIORITY 4—PUBLIC HEALTH PREVENTIVE MEASURES**

Many areas of public health are inter-related. Effective public health may reduce costs of private insurance and reduce demand on public health benefit programs. The Committee will study all aspects of public health, to include: statewide immunization program; acquired brain injury prevention/management; supervision of and funding for public health nurses; wellness/prevention in publicly funded health programs, including state employees.

### **PRIORITY 5—INVOLUNTARY HOSPITALIZATION**

Review and evaluate possible changes at the Wyoming State Hospital to increase capacity for Title 25 patients. Schizophrenic and geriatric patients require extended hospitalizations, causing increased use of private placements that are costly and burdensome to county governments. The Committee will look at the causes of the bed shortage at WSH and possible solutions, including treatment changes to decrease length of stay and address specialized geriatric psychiatric care needs.

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## INTERIM COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

The Joint Labor, Health, and Social Services Committee will meet four times during the interim to study and discuss the topics outlined above. Following is the committee's tentative interim meeting schedule:

**May 31 and June 1**  
Casper, WY

**September 6—7**  
Lovell, WY

**October 8—9**  
TBD

**December 13—14**  
Cheyenne, WY



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## SUCCESSFUL LEGISLATION

Bill No.	Title & Summary	Sponsor	Notes
HB0009	<p><b>Unemployment Insurance Compliance</b>            An act relating to unemployment insurance; amending information that an employer must submit to the state directory of new hires; and providing for an effective date</p>	Joint Labor, Health, and Social Services Interim Committee	<b>Enrolled Act 0017</b>
HB0014	<p><b>Wrongful death representative</b>            An act relating to civil procedure; generally modifying provisions relating to wrongful death actions; providing for appointment of a wrongful death representative; specifying factors for determining a wrongful death representative; specifying on whose behalf a wrongful death action is brought; providing for notice; providing for applicability of the act; and providing for an effective date.</p>	Joint Judiciary Interim Committee	<b>Enrolled Act 0004</b>
HB0017	<p><b>Budget Hearings</b>            An act relating to local governments; specifying dates for budget hearings; and providing for an effective date.</p>	Rep. Gingery	<b>Enrolled Act 0027</b>
HB0113	<p><b>Critical access endowment challenge program</b>            An act relating to public health; extending the critical access/rural hospital endowment challenge program; amending qualifications for receipt of funds; providing for segregation and specified use of a portion of existing funds; modifying reversion dates; making conforming amendments; and providing for an effective date.</p>	Reps. Bonner, Childers, Hunt, Lubnau, Madden, McKim & Quarberg and Sens. Burns, Coe, Dockstader, Landen & Peterson	<b>Enrolled Act 0039</b>
SF0006	<p><b>County Memorial Hospital Districts - staggered terms</b>            An act relating to county memorial hospital districts; providing for five year terms for board members after initial staggered terms; and providing for an effective date.</p>	Joint Corporations, Elections, and Political Subdivisions Interim Committee	<b>Enrolled Act 0018</b>
SF0025	<p><b>Public Records</b>            An act relating to public records; amending and repealing definitions; amending provisions relating to inspection of documents and exemptions from disclosure; amending penalty provision; and providing for an effective date.</p>	Joint Judiciary Interim Committee	<b>Enrolled Act 0062</b>

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Bill No.	Title & Summary	Sponsor	Notes
SF0027	<b>Public Meetings</b> An act relating to public meetings; amending definitions; clarifying provisions relating to minutes and notice; amending provisions relating to meetings, special meetings, emergency meetings, executive sessions and penalties; and providing for an effective date.	Joint Judiciary Interim Committee	<b>Enrolled Act 0063</b>
SF0032	<b>Workers' Compensation amendments</b> An act relating to workers' compensation; authorizing the medical commission to report suspected substandard or inappropriate medical or hospital care to appropriate licensing authorities; providing that false reporting shall be a misdemeanor; clarifying that members of the workers' compensation medical commission shall be considered public employees for purposes of the Wyoming Governmental Claims Act; providing that confidentiality does not prohibit authorized reports to professional licensing authorities; and providing for an effective date.	Joint Labor, Health, and Social Services Interim Committee	<b>Enrolled Act 0019</b>
SF0034	<b>Medicaid Options study</b> An act relating to the administration of government, Medicaid and the 2010 federal health care reform; providing for a study related to options for reconfiguring of the Medicaid program; requiring a report; providing report requirements; providing for legislative advice as specified; re-appropriating funds to be used for the study; providing an appropriation; repealing previous legislative authority for the Medicaid options study; and providing for an effective date.	Joint Labor, Health, and Social Services Interim Committee	<b>Enrolled Act 0058</b>
SF0058	<b>Health insurance exchange study</b> An act relating to the administration of government; amending duties of the Wyoming health insurance exchange steering committee as specified; requiring a report; limiting the state's authority to operate a federally required health insurance exchange as specified; providing an appropriation; and providing for an effective date.	Joint Labor, Health, and Social Services Interim Committee	<b>Enrolled Act 0042</b>

## UNSUCCESSFUL LEGISLATION

Bill No.	Title & Summary	Sponsor
HB0009	<p><b>Unemployment Insurance Compliance</b>            An act relating to unemployment insurance; amending information that an employer must submit to the state directory of new hires; and providing for an effective date</p>	Joint Labor, Health, and Social Services Interim Committee
HB0014	<p><b>Wrongful death representative</b>            An act relating to civil procedure; generally modifying provisions relating to wrongful death actions; providing for appointment of a wrongful death representative; specifying factors for determining a wrongful death representative; specifying on whose behalf a wrongful death action is brought; providing for notice; providing for applicability of the act; and providing for an effective date.</p>	Joint Judiciary Interim Committee
HB0017	<p><b>Budget Hearings</b>            An act relating to local governments; specifying dates for budget hearings; and providing for an effective date.</p>	Rep. Gingery
HB0020	<p><b>Health Insurance trusts - fiscal policy</b>            An act relating to the Uniform Municipal Fiscal Procedures Act; providing that political subdivisions providing health insurance by self-insuring or through insurance trust plans are subject to reporting and auditing by the insurance commissioner as specified; providing authority for the insurance commissioner to require fiscal improvements in self-insurance or trusts as specified; amending a definition; and providing an effective date.</p>	Joint Labor, Health, and Social Services Interim Committee
HB0057	<p><b>Clinical trial coverage</b>            An act relating to insurance; requiring coverage of clinical trials for cardiology; specifying applicability; and providing for an effective date.</p>	Reps. Esquibel, K., Craft & McOmie and Sens. Esquibel, F. & Nutting
HB0058	<p><b>Public sector bargaining</b>            An act relating to labor relations; prohibiting collective bargaining by public sector employees; declaring legislative intent; providing definitions; prohibiting strikes by public sector employees; repealing provisions for collective bargaining by firefighters; and providing for an effective date.</p>	Rep. Kroeker

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HB0075	<b>Physician orders for life sustaining treatment</b> An act relating to public health; establishing the physician orders for life sustaining treatment program; providing definitions; granting rulemaking authority; providing an appropriation; and providing for an effective date.	Rep. Gingery and Sen. Dockstader
HB0119	<b>Health insurance - sale of out-of-state policies</b> An act relating to health insurance; authorizing Wyoming insurers to offer individual and small employer health insurance policies in Wyoming that have been approved for issuance in other states; providing minimum standards for out-of-state policies; prescribing notice requirements; granting rulemaking authority; preempting conflicting laws; providing definitions; and providing for an effective date.	Reps. Buchanan, Edmonds, Esquibel, K., Hunt, Kasperik, Kroecker, Lubnau, Peasley, Pedersen & Zwonitzer, Dn. And Sens. Anderson, Nutting & Ross
HB0122	<b>Mental health parity</b> An act relating to health insurance; mandating coverage for specified mental illnesses under health insurance policies issued in the state; specifying applicability; providing a definition; and providing for an effective date.	Reps. Craft, Barbuto & Connolly and Sen. Hastert
SF0028	<b>Governmental claims liability limits</b> An act relating to civil procedure; increasing the maximum liability of a governmental entity and public employees under the Wyoming Governmental Claims Act; specifying applicability; and providing for an effective date.	Joint Judiciary Interim Committee
SF0037	<b>Medicaid waiver funding</b> An act relating to Medicaid; providing an appropriation to reduce the number of persons on waiting lists for services under the home and community based waiver programs; requiring notice from the governor if waiting lists exceed specified limits; and providing for an effective date.	Joint Labor, Health, and Social Services Interim Committee
SF0066	<b>Medical assistance - hospice care</b> An act related to Medicaid; authorizing payment for certain hospice services; providing for an appropriation; and providing for an effective date.	Sens. Perkins, Bebout, Coe, Esquibel, F., Landen, Martin & Nutting and Reps. Barbuto, Blake, Bonner, Campbell, Esquibel, K., Lockhart, McOmie & Reeder

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SF0081	<p><b>Medicaid fraud recovery</b> An act relating to Medicaid; creating the Wyoming Medicaid False Claims Act; authorizing civil recoveries for the state as specified; prescribing duties of the attorney general; providing procedures; providing for a limitations period and applicability of the act; providing definitions; prescribing criminal penalties as specified for failure to maintain required records; creating a cause of action for retaliatory employment actions; and providing for an effective date.</p>	Sens. Peterson & Dockstader and Reps. Greene, Harvey & Miller
SF0091	<p><b>Healthy Frontiers - continuation-2</b> An act relating to healthy frontiers health care reform demonstration project; modifying provisions for the operation and evaluation of the project; modifying reporting dates and report requirements; modifying the sunset date; modifying appropriations; and providing for an effective date.</p>	Sen. Scott and Rep. Harvey
SF0095	<p><b>Emergency medical services special districts</b> An act relating to special districts; expanding use of improvement and service districts to provision of emergency medical services; and providing for an effective date.</p>	Sen. Dockstader and Rep. McKim